



TITLE:

# G-constellations and resolutions of quotient singularities

AUTHOR(S):

Logvinenko, Timothy

---

CITATION:

Logvinenko, Timothy. G-constellations and resolutions of quotient singularities. 代数幾何学シンポジウム記録 2005, 2005: 29-38

ISSUE DATE:

2005

URL:

<http://hdl.handle.net/2433/214813>

RIGHT:

# G-Constellations and Resolutions of Quotient Singularities

Timothy Logvinenko

January 20, 2006

## 1 Background

Consider an affine scheme  $\mathbb{C}^n = \text{Spec } R$ , where by  $R$  we denote the ring  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . By  $X$  we denote the quotient space  $\mathbb{C}^n/G = \text{Spec } R^G$ . By  $Y$  we denote a choice of a resolution of  $X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & & \mathbb{C}^n \\ & \searrow \pi & \swarrow q \\ & X & \end{array}$$

The singular quotient space  $X$  is in a certain sense ([Muk03], Example 11.8) a coarse moduli space for the set-theoretical orbits of  $G$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . A natural question to ask was whether we can refine a concept of an ‘orbit of  $G$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ’ and state a moduli problem for it which yields a fine moduli space  $Y$  which resolves the singularities of  $X$ .

The first step was to equip an orbit with an appropriate scheme-theoretic structure:

**Definition 1.1.** A  $G$ -cluster is a  $G$ -invariant subscheme  $Z$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  of dimension 0 whose ring  $\Gamma(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$  is a regular representation of  $G$ .

E.g. any free orbit of  $G$  supports a unique  $G$ -cluster: the reduced induced closed subscheme structure. On the other hand, we find many different  $G$ -clusters supported at the fixed point orbit at the origin of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

Following the ideas of Nakamura, Reid introduced in [Rei97] the scheme  $G\text{-Hilb}$ , the fine moduli space of all  $G$ -clusters. It comes equipped with a Hilbert-Chow morphism  $G\text{-Hilb } \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow X$  which sends each  $G$ -cluster to its set-theoretic support. The main irreducible component of  $G\text{-Hilb } \mathbb{C}^n$  birational to  $X$  can be identified (e.g. [IN00], §2) with the scheme  $\text{Hilb}^G \mathbb{C}^n$  introduced by Nakamura and Ito in [IN96]. They then proceeded to show that for  $G$  a finite subgroup of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ , the scheme  $\text{Hilb}^G \mathbb{C}^n$  is the unique crepant minimal resolution of  $\mathbb{C}^2/G$ .

Then Nakamura showed by explicit toric geometry computations [Nak00] that for  $G$  a finite abelian subgroup of  $\mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{C})$ , the scheme  $\mathrm{Hilb}^G \mathbb{C}^3$  is a crepant resolution of  $\mathbb{C}^3/G$ . He conjectured that the same is true for the non-abelian case.

This conjecture was settled by Bridgeland, King and Reid in [BKR01]. They use derived category methods and establish a category equivalence  $D(Y) \rightarrow D^G(\mathbb{C}^n)$  between the bounded derived categories of coherent sheaves on  $Y = \mathrm{Hilb}^G \mathbb{C}^n$  and of  $G$ -equivariant coherent sheaves on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , respectively. Under a certain assumption on the dimension of the fibers of  $Y$ , which holds automatically when  $n \leq 3$ , they prove that the Fourier-Mukai transform which uses the structure sheaf of the universal  $G$ -cluster  $\mathcal{U}_G \subset Y \times \mathbb{C}^n$  is the requisite equivalence. In particular, this shows that  $Y$  is a crepant resolution of  $X$ , proving Nakamura's conjecture. It is then further shown ([BKR01], §8) that in the case of  $n = 3$ ,  $\mathrm{Hilb}^G \mathbb{C}^3$  is the only component of  $G\text{-Hilb } \mathbb{C}^3$ , i.e.  $G\text{-Hilb } \mathbb{C}^3$  is connected. In dimension two this was proven by Ishii in [Ish02], while in dimensions four and higher it is known to be false.

For  $n \geq 3$  crepant resolutions of  $\mathbb{C}^n/G$ , if they exist, are not necessarily unique. The question arose whether  $G$ -clusters can be generalised further, to obtain the other crepant resolutions by a moduli space construction. Subsequent research had shown that it was not necessary to give an orbit a subscheme structure - it is sufficient to equip an orbit with a coherent sheaf that looks like what we would expect of an image of a skyscraper sheaf of a point under a derived category equivalence as above. This generalisation was a concept of a  $G$ -constellation given by Craw in his thesis [Cra01]:

**Definition 1.2.** A  $G$ -constellation is a  $G$ -equivariant coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , whose global sections  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathcal{F})$  form a regular representation of  $G$ .

Note that a priori a definition of  $G$ -constellation doesn't exclude sheaves supported at more than one orbit of  $G$ . However a *gnat*-family consists only of those supported at a single orbit.

Observe that, tautologically, the structure sheaf of any  $G$ -cluster is a  $G$ -constellation. In fact on a free orbit this all we get: the concepts of a  $G$ -constellation, a  $G$ -cluster and a set-theoretic orbit coincide where  $G$  acts freely. At the origin, however, there are many  $G$ -constellations which do not arise as structure sheaves of  $G$ -clusters. Too many in fact: the moduli space of all  $G$ -constellations is non-separated at the origin, suggesting that some sort of stability conditions are needed.

These came to us courtesy of a natural 1-to-1 correspondence existing between  $G$ -constellations and representations of the McKay quiver of  $G$  into the regular representation of  $G$ . This allows for the use of an earlier result of King [Kin94] on GIT construction of moduli spaces of quiver representations to introduce the stability conditions known as  $\theta$ -stability on  $G$ -constellations and to construct for any given stability condition  $\theta$  a moduli space  $M_\theta$  of  $\theta$ -stable  $G$ -constellations together with a projective morphism to  $X$  and a

universal  $\theta$ -stable  $G$ -constellation  $\mathcal{U}_\theta$  in  $\mathbf{Coh} Y \times \mathbb{C}^n$ . In a quiver-theoretic context, Kronheimer [Kro89] had already considered these moduli spaces and have studied the chamber structure in the space  $\Pi$  of stability parameters  $\theta$ , where all values of  $\theta$  in the same chamber yield the same  $M_\theta$ . The methods of [BKR01] can be then extended to show that, under the same assumptions on the fiber dimensions of  $M_\theta$ , the Fourier-Mukai transform  $D(M_\theta) \rightarrow D^G(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is an equivalence of categories, which makes the main irreducible component of  $M_\theta$  a crepant resolution of  $\mathbb{C}^n/G$ . In case of an abelian  $G$ , an explicit description of this coherent component is provided in toric terms by Craw, MacLagan and Thomas in [CMT05a], [CMT05b].

Craw in his thesis conjectured that when  $G$  is a finite subgroup of  $\mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{C})$  every crepant resolution projective over  $\mathbb{C}^3/G$  can be realised as a moduli space  $M_\theta$  of  $\theta$ -stable  $G$ -constellations for some chamber in  $\Pi$ . In the case of  $G$  being abelian, this was proved by Craw and Ishii in [CI04].

Thus one motivation for the study of families of  $G$ -constellations on a fixed resolution  $Y$  is an observation that, as evident from [CI04], there exist stability parameters  $\theta$  for which the GIT construction yields isomorphic moduli spaces  $M_\theta$ , but equips them with different tautological families of  $G$ -constellations  $\mathcal{U}_\theta$ . Another is the desire to obtain for a given crepant resolution  $Y$  a direct construction of the derived McKay equivalence  $D(Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} D^G(\mathbb{C}^n)$  as a Fourier-Mukai functor using an appropriate  $G$ -constellation family. Finally, the question of a moduli construction of non-projective (over  $X$ ) crepant resolutions still remains open.

## 2 Gnat-Families

Rather than constructing a resolution as a moduli space of  $G$ -constellations, we take an arbitrary (not necessarily projective or crepant) resolution of  $X$  and study the flat families of  $G$ -constellations that it can parametrise.

We would like for a family of  $G$ -constellations to be a flat  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module, whose restriction to any point of  $Y$  would give us the respective  $G$ -constellation. From this point of view, it would be better to consider, instead of the whole  $G$ -constellation  $\mathcal{F}$ , just its space of global sections  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathcal{F})$ . It is a vector space  $V$  with  $G$  and  $R$  actions, satisfying

$$g.(f.v) = (g.f).(g.v) \tag{2.1}$$

As  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is affine, functor  $(\bullet) \otimes_R \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}$  recovers  $\mathcal{F}$  from  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathcal{F})$ , and (2.1) defines the  $G$ -equivariant structure.

It is convenient to view such vector spaces as modules for the following non-commutative algebra:

**Definition 2.1.** A cross-product algebra  $R \rtimes G$  is an algebra, which has the vector space structure of  $R \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}[G]$  and the product defined by setting,

for all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  and  $f_1, f_2 \in R$ ,

$$(f_1 \otimes g_1) \times (f_2 \otimes g_2) = (f_1(g_1 \cdot f_2)) \otimes (g_1 g_2) \quad (2.2)$$

Functors  $\tilde{\bullet} = (\bullet) \otimes_R \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}$  and  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^n, \bullet)$  give an equivalence between the categories of  $R \rtimes G$ -modules and of quasi-coherent  $G$ -equivariant sheaves on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

This is not a pure formalism -  $R \rtimes G$  is one of the *non-commutative crepant resolutions* of  $\mathbb{C}^n/G$ , a certain class of non-commutative algebras introduced by Michel van den Bergh in [dB02] as an analogue of a commutative crepant resolution for an arbitrary non-quotient Gorenstein singularity. For three-dimensional terminal singularities, van den Bergh shows ([dB02], Theorem 6.3.1) that if a non-commutative crepant resolution  $Q$  exists, then it is possible to construct commutative crepant resolutions as moduli spaces of certain stable  $Q$ -modules.

Under  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^n, \bullet)$ , to  $G$ -constellations correspond  $R \rtimes G$ -modules, which are isomorphic, as representations of  $G$ , to the regular representation  $V_{\text{reg}}$ . By abuse of notation, we shall use the term  $G$ -constellations to also mean such  $R \rtimes G$ -modules. This interpretation allows us to define a family of  $G$ -constellations as a locally-free sheaf on  $Y$ , instead of  $Y \times \mathbb{C}^n$ :

**Definition 2.2.** A family of  $G$ -constellations parametrised by  $Y$  is a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $(R \rtimes G) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_Y$ -modules on  $Y$ , locally free as an  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module, such that, for any point  $\iota_p : p \rightarrow Y$ , the fiber  $\mathcal{F}|_p = \iota_p^* \mathcal{F}$  is a  $G$ -constellation.

We wish to develop a notion of a geometrically natural family, in which for any  $p \in Y$  the  $G$ -constellation  $\mathcal{F}|_p$  would be geometrically related to the  $G$ -orbit  $q^{-1}\pi(p)$ . For example, the  $G$ -constellation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}|_p$ , as a sheaf on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , is supported on a finite union of  $G$ -orbits. We could ask, mimicking the moduli spaces  $M_\theta$  of  $\theta$ -stable  $G$ -constellations and their tautological families, for this support to be precisely  $q^{-1}\pi(p)$ .

This turns out to be enough to warranty a much wider range of naturality properties.

**Definition 2.3.** A **generically natural** family of  $G$ -constellations parametrised by  $Y$  (or a **gnat-family**, for short) is a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $G$ -constellations, such that for every  $p \in Y$

$$\text{Supp}_{\mathbb{C}^n}(\mathcal{F}|_p) = q^{-1}\pi(p)$$

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of  $G$ -constellations parametrised by  $Y$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1. On any  $U \subset Y$ , such that  $\pi U$  consists of free orbits,  $\mathcal{F}$  is equivalent (locally isomorphic) to  $\pi^* q_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}$ .

2. There exists a  $(R \rtimes G) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} K(Y)$ -module isomorphism:

$$\mathcal{F}|_{p_Y} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\pi^* q_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n})_{p_Y}$$

where  $p_Y$  is the generic point of  $Y$ .

3. There exists an  $(R \rtimes G) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_Y$ -module embedding

$$F \hookrightarrow K(\mathbb{C}^n)$$

where  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module structure on  $K(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is induced by the map  $q : Y \rightarrow X$ .

4.  $\mathcal{F}$  is a gnat-family.

5. The action of  $(R \rtimes G) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_Y$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  descends to the action of  $(R \rtimes G) \otimes_{R^G} \mathcal{O}_Y$ , where the  $R^G$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{O}_Y$  is induced by the map  $q : Y \rightarrow X$ .

*Sketch.* Implications  $1 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 5$  are quite straightforward. The interesting one is  $5 \Rightarrow 1$ .

Consider a natural algebra homomorphism

$$\Psi : (R \rtimes G) \otimes_{R^G} \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{F})$$

LHS is isomorphic to  $\pi^* \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{O}_X}(q_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n})$ . Over  $U$ , as  $q$  is flat over  $\pi U$ , LHS is further isomorphic to  $\mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\pi^* q_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n})$ . Thus we have

$$\Psi' : \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{O}_U}(\pi^* q_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{O}_U}(\mathcal{F})$$

It is a homomorphism of (split) Azumaya algebras of the same constant rank, which is an isomorphism on the centers. Hence  $\Psi'$  must be an isomorphism itself. Then, by Skolem-Noether theorem,  $\Psi'$  must locally be induced by isomorphisms  $\pi^* q_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ .

□

### 3 $G$ -divisors

Since  $G$  is abelian, any family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $G$ -constellations on  $Y$  splits into invertible eigensheaves:  $\mathcal{F} = \bigoplus_{\chi \in G^\vee} \mathcal{F}_\chi$ . If  $\mathcal{F}$  is also a gnat-family, then it can be embedded into  $K(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Now, generally, on a scheme  $S$  an invertible sheaf embedded into  $K(S)$  defines a Cartier divisor on  $S$ .

Therefore, just as the group  $K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)^*$  of the invertible  $G$ -homogeneous elements of  $K(\mathbb{C}^n)$  extends  $K^*(Y)$ :

$$1 \rightarrow K^*(Y) \rightarrow K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n) \xrightarrow{\rho} G^\vee \rightarrow 1 \quad (3.1)$$

we extend the group of Cartier divisors on  $Y$  as follows:

**Definition 3.1.** A rational function  $f \in K^*(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is said to be  $G$ -homogeneous (of weight  $\chi$ ), if there exists a character  $\chi \in G^\vee$  such that

$$g \cdot f = \chi(g)f \quad \forall g \in G$$

**Definition 3.2.** A  $G$ -Cartier divisor on  $Y$  is a global section of the sheaf of multiplicative groups  $K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)/\mathcal{O}_Y^*$ , where the sheaf  $K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is the constant sheaf on  $Y$  of the  $G$ -homogeneous elements of  $K(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and the sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_Y^*$  is the sheaf of invertible regular functions on  $Y$ .

Similar to the ordinary Cartier divisors, a  $G$ -Cartier divisor can be specified by a set of pairs  $(U_i, f_i)$ , where  $U_i$  are an open cover of  $Y$  and  $f_i$  are  $G$ -homogeneous rational functions on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , such that for any  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $f_i/f_j$  defines an invertible regular function on  $U_i \cap U_j$ .

As with ordinary Cartier divisors, we say that a  $G$ -Cartier divisor is principal if it lies in the image of the natural map  $K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)/\mathcal{O}_Y^*$  and call two divisors linearly equivalent if their difference is principal.

Thus, we obtain a short exact sequence of abelian groups:

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Car}(Y) \rightarrow G\text{-Car}(Y) \xrightarrow{\rho} G^\vee \rightarrow 1 \quad (3.2)$$

We call an image of a Cartier divisor  $D$  under the map  $\rho$  its **weight** and say that  $D$  is a  $\rho(D)$ -Cartier divisor.

The construction of the invertible subsheaf  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  of  $K(Y)$  corresponding to a Cartier divisor  $D$ , extends naturally to a construction of an invertible subsheaf  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  of  $K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)$  corresponding to a  $G$ -Cartier divisor  $D$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *The map  $D \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(D)$  gives an isomorphism between  $G\text{-Car } Y$  and the group of invertible  $G$ -subsheaves of  $K(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Furthermore, it descends to an isomorphism of the group  $G\text{-Cl}$  of  $G$ -Cartier divisors up to linear equivalence and the group  $G\text{-Pic}$  of invertible  $G$ -sheaves on  $Y$ .*

We now seek to define a matching notion of a  $G$ -Weil divisor. The key notion is: valuations at prime divisors of  $Y$  define a unique group homomorphism  $\text{val}_K$  from  $K^*(Y)$  to  $\text{Div } Y$ , the group of Weil divisors. Looking at the short exact sequence (3.1), we see that  $\text{val}_K$  must extend uniquely to a homomorphism  $\text{val}_{K_G}$  from  $K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)$  to  $\mathbb{Q}\text{-Div } Y$ , as  $G^\vee$  is finite and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is injective. We further obtain a quotient homomorphism  $\text{val}_{G^\vee}$  from  $G^\vee$  to  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}\text{-Div } Y$ .

The short exact sequence (3.2) now becomes a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \text{Car } Y & \longrightarrow & G\text{-Car } Y & \xrightarrow{\rho} & G^\vee \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \text{val}_K \downarrow & & \text{val}_{K_G} \downarrow & & \text{val}_{G^\vee} \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Div } Y & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Q}\text{-Div } Y & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}\text{-Div } Y \longrightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad (3.3)$$

Aiming to have a short exact sequence similar to (3.2), we now define the group  $G\text{-Div } Y$  of  $G$ -Weil divisors to be the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}\text{-Div } Y$ , which consists of the pre-images of  $\text{val}_{G^\vee}(G^\vee) \subset \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}\text{-Div } Y$ .

We call a  $G$ -Weil divisor principal if it is an image of a single function  $f \in K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)$  under  $\text{val}_{K_G}$ , call two  $G$ -Weil divisors linearly equivalent if their difference is principal and call a divisor  $\sum q_i D_i$  effective if all  $q_i \geq 0$ .

We now have a following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \text{Car } Y & \longrightarrow & G\text{-Car } Y & \xrightarrow{\rho} & G^\vee \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow \text{val}_K & & \downarrow \text{val}_{K_G} & & \downarrow \text{val}_{G^\vee} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Div } Y & \longrightarrow & G\text{-Div } Y & \longrightarrow & \text{val}_{G^\vee}(G^\vee) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad (3.4)$$

A priori there is no reason for  $\text{val}_{K_G}$  in (3.4) to be an isomorphism. Indeed, although all the definitions above make sense for a general scheme  $Y$  birational to  $X$ , simply assuming  $Y$  to be smooth is not enough to warranty  $G$ -Cartier and  $G$ -Weil divisors to be isomorphic or even well-behaved. For an example let  $Y$  be the smooth locus of  $X$ . It can be shown, that while  $\text{val}_K$  is an isomorphism,  $\text{val}_{K_G}$  is not even injective as  $G\text{-Car } Y$  has torsion. And  $\text{val}_{G^\vee}$  is the zero map, thus  $G\text{-Div } Y$  is just  $\text{Div } Y$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** *If  $Y$  is smooth and proper over  $X$ , then  $\text{val}_K$ ,  $\text{val}_{K_G}$  and  $\text{val}_{G^\vee}$  in (3.4) are all isomorphisms.*

## 4 Classification of the *gnat*-Families

Given a *gnat*-family  $\mathcal{F} = \oplus \mathcal{F}_\chi$ , we can embed it into  $K(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . An image of  $\mathcal{F}_\chi$  under such an embedding is an invertible subsheaf of  $K_G^*(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and therefore the embedding defines a unique  $G$ -Weil divisor set  $\{D_\chi\}_{\chi \in G^\vee}$  on  $Y$  such that the image of  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $K(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is  $\oplus \mathcal{L}(-D_\chi)$ .

Conversely, given a  $G$ -divisor set  $\{D_\chi\}_{\chi \in G^\vee}$  such that each  $D_\chi$  is a  $\chi$ -Weil divisor, we could ask when is  $\oplus \mathcal{L}(-D_\chi)$  a *gnat*-family.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $\{D_\chi\}_{\chi \in G^\vee}$  be as above. Then  $\oplus \mathcal{L}(-D_\chi)$  is a *gnat*-family if and only if for any  $G$ -homogeneous  $f \in R$  and any  $\chi \in G^\vee$  we have*

$$D_\chi + (f) - D_{\chi\rho(f)} \geq 0 \quad (4.1)$$

where  $\rho(f) \in G^\vee$  is the weight of  $f$ .

**NB:** Observe that the condition (4.1) is equivalent to a set of  $|G|$  inequalities for each prime Weil divisor, and that these sets are all independent of each other.

We call  $G$ -divisor sets  $\{D_\chi\}_{\chi \in G^\vee}$  which satisfy (4.1) the **reductor sets**.

Recall that in moduli problems it is a standard practice to consider the families up to equivalence, that is up to a local isomorphism.



**Theorem 4.1.** *The isomorphism classes of gnat-families on  $Y$  are in a one-to-one correspondence with the linear equivalence classes of the reductor sets  $\{D_\chi\}$ . The equivalence classes of gnat-families on  $Y$  are in a one-to-one correspondence with the reductor sets  $\{D_\chi\}$ , in which  $D_{\chi_0} = 0$ .*

We say that a reductor set  $\{D_\chi\}$  is **normalised**, if  $D_{\chi_0} = 0$ .

**Proposition 4.2** (Canonical family). *Define the divisor set  $\{D_\chi\}$  by*

$$D_\chi = \sum_P v(P, \chi) P$$

*Then  $\{D_\chi\}$  is a normalised reductor set. Moreover, the corresponding family  $\oplus \mathcal{L}(-D_\chi)$  is the pushdown to  $Y$  of the structure sheaf of the normalization of the reduced fibre product  $Y \times_X \mathbb{C}^n$ .*

**Proposition 4.3** (Maximal shift family). *Define the divisor set  $\{M_\chi\}$  by*

$$M_\chi = \sum_P \min_{f \in R_\chi} v_P(f) P$$

*Then  $\{M_\chi\}$  is a normalised reductor set.*

**NB:** It can be shown that, for any  $\chi \in G^\vee$ , the coefficient of  $M_\chi$  at a prime Weil divisor  $P$  is non-zero if and only if  $P$  is exceptional or the image of  $P$  in  $X$  is the branch divisor of the quotient map  $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow X$ . Therefore, for each  $\chi \in G^\vee$ , the coefficient of  $M_\chi$  is non-zero at only finitely many prime divisors in  $Y$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $\{D_\chi\}$  be any normalised reductor set. Then*

$$-M_{\chi^{-1}} \leq D_\chi \leq M_\chi$$

*for any  $\chi \in G^\vee$ .*

**Corollary 4.5.** *The number of equivalence classes of gnat-families is finite.*

We summarise our results in the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.2** (Classification of gnat-families). *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $X$  the quotient of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  by the action of  $G$ ,  $Y$  nonsingular and  $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$  a proper birational map. Then isomorphism classes of gnat-families on  $Y$  are in 1-to-1 correspondence with linear equivalence classes of  $G$ -divisor sets  $\{D_\chi\}_{\chi \in G^\vee}$ , each  $D_\chi$  a  $\chi$ -Weil divisor, which satisfy the inequalities*

$$D_\chi + (f) - D_{\chi\rho(f)} \geq 0 \quad \forall \chi \in G^\vee, G\text{-homogeneous } f \in R$$

*Such a divisor set  $\{D_\chi\}$  corresponds then to a gnat-family  $\oplus \mathcal{L}(-D_\chi)$ .*

This correspondence descends to a 1-to-1 correspondence between equivalence classes of gnat-families and sets  $\{D_\chi\}$  as above and with  $D_{\chi_0} = 0$ . Furthermore, each divisor  $D_\chi$  in such a set satisfies inequality

$$-M_{\chi^{-1}} \leq D_\chi \leq M_\chi$$

where  $\{M_\chi\}$  is a fixed divisor set defined by

$$M_\chi = \sum_P (\min_{f \in R_\chi} v_P(f)) P$$

As a consequence, the number of equivalence classes of gnat-families is finite.

## References

- [BKR01] T. Bridgeland, A. King, and M. Reid, *The McKay correspondence as an equivalence of derived categories*, J. Amer. Math. Soc. **14** (2001), 535–554.
- [CI04] A. Craw and A. Ishii, *Flops of  $G$  – Hilb and equivalences of derived category by variation of GIT quotient*, Duke Math J. **124** (2004), no. 2, 259–307.
- [CMT05a] A. Craw, D. Maclagan, and R.R. Thomas, *Moduli of McKay quiver representations I: the coherent component*, preprint, (2005).
- [CMT05b] ———, *Moduli of McKay quiver representations II: Grobner basis techniques*, preprint, (2005).
- [Cra01] A. Craw, *The McKay correspondence and representations of the McKay quiver*, Ph.D. thesis, University of Warwick, 2001.
- [dB02] Michel Van den Bergh, *Non-commutative crepant resolutions*, The Legacy of Niels Hendrik Abel, Springer, 2002, pp. 749–770.
- [IN96] Y. Ito and I. Nakamura, *McKay correspondence and Hilbert schemes*, Proc. Japan. Acad. **72** (1996), 135–138.
- [IN00] Y. Ito and H. Nakajima, *McKay correspondence and Hilbert schemes in dimension three*, Topology **39** (2000), no. 6, 1155–1191.
- [Ish02] Akira Ishii, *On the McKay correspondence for a finite small subgroup of  $GL(2, \mathbb{C})$* , J. Reine Angew. Math **549** (2002), 221–233.
- [Kin94] A. King, *Moduli of representations of finite-dimensional algebras*, Quart. J. Math. Oxford **45** (1994), 515–530.

- [Kro89] P. Kronheimer, *The construction of ALE spaces as hyper-Kähler quotients*, J. Diff. Geom. **29** (1989), 665–683.
- [Muk03] S. Mukai, *An introduction to invariants and moduli*, Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- [Nak00] I. Nakamura, *Hilbert schemes of abelian group orbits*, J. Alg. Geom. **10** (2000), 775–779.
- [Rei97] M. Reid, *Mckay correspondence*, preprint math.AG/9702016, (1997).